

Spring Sports Preview



Golfers use tough schedule to prep for postseason

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Following a record-breaking fall season, Northwest women's golf enters the spring ranked in the central region for the first time in program history.

The 'Cats are fresh off a third-place finish in the MIAA Championships and return the MIAA Coach of the Year in their seventh year as program.

With the introduction of two new schools to the MIAA, the No. 10 Bearcats will face nationally and regionally ranked teams in every tournament they in which they compete.

Northwest will have to go through Northeastern State, Central Oklahoma and defending MIAA champion Fort Hays State to capture its first conference championship.

In order to prepare for a difficult central region, head coach Pat McLaughlin set up the toughest schedule in program history.

"I want to face this type of competition and let our players know these are the top teams in our region and, in some cases, even the country," McLaughlin said. "Now it's time to catch up to that type of competition."

Northwest expects to win every tournament, led by two top-25 regional golfers in sophomore Steph Charteris and ju-

GOLF	
Date	Location
3/11 - 12	Branson
3/24 - 25	St. Joseph
4/8 - 9	Branson
4/14 - 15	St. Joseph (Sun.)
4/22 - 23	Maryville (Mon.)
5/5 - 7	Smithville
5/15 - 18	St. Joseph
	Denton Beach, Fla.

nior Cassie Lowell.

Yet facing top opposition and playing well will help assure a birth in the regional tournament, since winning the conference tournament does not qualify as an automatic bid.

Committees of coaches from multiple conferences make the decision on who qualifies for regionals based on head-to-head competition, team stroke average, difficulty of schedule and an array of other credentials, McLaughlin said.

"You've got to keep playing well, and every tournament counts," McLaughlin said.

"If we play well head-to-head with some of the top teams in the country, then our regional position will be good enough to get us an invite at least."

The Bearcats' stellar play in the fall will help their overall body of work.

The 'Cats won multiple tournaments while breaking a school record by shooting a 311 in the Ottawa Invitational on Sept. 7 and 8.

Northwest looks to keep up that level of play despite the bad weather and McLaughlin teaching in Belgium the past three months by using an indoor golf simulator.

It is obviously not the same as playing on an actual golf course, McLaughlin said, but the swing analyzer informs the player of a bad swing and is equipped with a putting green.

"It's been helpful for us to at least have some way of getting some swings in and knowing you're doing something other than hitting the ball into a net," McLaughlin said. "We'll see the cultivation of those efforts here in a few days."

Northwest is teaming up with Missouri Western, Central Michigan, Southwest Baptist, Fort Hays State and William Jewell to play an early season tournament in Branson at Point Royale Golf Resort on March 11 and 12.

The Bearcats were snowed out of their initial tournament at Paradise Pointe Golf Complex in Smithville.



HANNAH JURGENSEN | NW MISSOURIAN
Junior No. 3 singles player Lluis Altimires returns a serve Saturday in St. Joseph against the University of Missouri-St Louis.

Tennis teams receive national praise

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After a promising fall season, the Northwest men's and women's tennis teams are geared up for spring.

The men have started the spring season strong, earning wins in three out of four matches. The biggest win for the team this season came against Drury University, which was No. 17 in the nation at the time.

"When you can come out and beat a team that's that good, it makes you pretty happy," head coach Mark Rosewell said. "It means a lot to us, and hopefully, it gives us an idea of how the rest of the season will go."

The Bearcat men are ranked No. 25 nationally and are the top ranked team in the central region.

In the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regionals last fall, freshman Sergio De Vilchez, and junior Lluis Altimires were crowned champions, despite nagging injuries to Altimires.

"He has had some injuries that are kind of reoccurring," Rosewell said. "He always plays, though. I know it hurts him more than he lets on sometimes, but him and Sergio are among the top-eight doubles teams in the country, so we have to count on him being there for us."

The Bearcat women have started the season 2-2 with their latest win coming against Missouri-St. Louis. On Feb. 23, the women also played Drury, which is ranked No. 23 in the country, and lost a close match, 6-3.

Rosewell said he is pleased with how the women are playing right

MEN'S TENNIS	
Date	Location
3/7	Maryville
3/8	Grand Island, Neb.
3/13	Maryville
3/15	Maryville
3/22	Maryville
3/23	Wichita Falls, Texas
3/24	Lawton, Okla.
3/25	St. Charles
3/26	Kirkville
4/2	Maryville
4/5	Tulsa, Okla.
4/6	Tulsa, Okla.
4/10	Maryville
4/13	Maryville
4/14	Maryville
4/19	Springfield
4/26-4/27	TBA
5/8-5/11	Surprise, Ariz.

now.

"Anytime you play a team 6-3, it was a close match," Rosewell said. "Like the men, they are a national powerhouse, so you have to be happy to play them that close."

Junior Camila Quesada picked up where she left off in the fall, with a 7-2 start in the young spring season.

Quesada made it to the semifinals of the ITA Regionals in singles play last fall.

The doubles team of Quesada and junior Alexis Bartek made it to

WOMEN'S TENNIS	
Date	Location
3/8	Grand Island, Neb.
3/9	Hays, Kan.
3/13	Maryville
3/14	Marvville
3/15	Maryville
3/20	Maryville
3/23	Wichita Falls, Texas
3/24	Lawton, Okla.
3/25	St. Charles
3/26	Kirkville
4/4	Maryville
4/5	Tulsa, Okla.
4/6	Tulsa, Okla.
4/9	Kansas City
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the finals at the ITA's but lost to junior Mekah Singh and sophomore Fanni Varga of Southwest Baptist in two sets.

Rosewell said a healthy team is one of the biggest advantages a team can have.

"If we have a healthy team, and they play to their potential, we are going to have a pretty good shot every time we go out and play," Rosewell said. "We are gonna take it one match at a time, and hopefully, we can make some noise later this season."

Anderson, softball lose key contributors from last year

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Heading into the 2013 season, the senior-laden Northwest softball team looks to improve on the subpar year it sustained in 2012.

With senior first baseman/designated hitter Kayli Schurman out for the year following shoulder surgery, the offense could drop off from last season.

In 2012, Schurman led the team in on-base percentage, slugging percentage, homeruns and total bases.

Even without Schurman, Northwest still has senior third baseman Kristen Uthe, who led the 'Cats in RBIs and hits.

"I just want her to focus on hitting the ball," head coach Ryan Anderson said. "If we can get on base in front of her, she can drive them in. I'm not worried about that. It's just about getting everybody healthy and getting on base ... We just have to focus on hitting the ball when people are on."

Senior second baseman Hailee Hendricks suffered a wrist injury during the NSIC/MIAA Crossover and is out for an undetermined amount of time. According to Anderson, Uthe could also miss time with mononucleosis.

The Bearcats have 10 seniors on the roster, including pitching staff ace Jenna Creger, who led the team in nearly every major pitching category last season.

Anderson said his pitching staff has to be strong to counteract the holes on offense.

"They're gonna have to step up," Anderson said. "When you lose contribution on offense like we have, it puts pressure on the pitching staff and the defense ... Everybody is going to have to pick up slack all over the field."

Other seniors on the Northwest roster are shortstop Rachael Schmitz, pitcher Morgan Brunmeier, outfielder Candace Miller, catcher Kylie Cantrell and utility players Jordan Gadbois and Kristine Labertew.

Anderson also thinks the high number of seniors could help his team make it through the early-season mishaps.

"It obviously helps a ton to have all these seniors because they've been through it," Anderson said. "They've played games, and they have that experience, so it's definitely gonna help to have all these seniors."

Thus far, the Bearcats are 8-4

and are yet to play a game on their

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Ryan Anderson

own field.

Snow is proving to be an issue for Northwest, which has practiced indoors all spring. The 'Cats had last weekend's Teri Mathis-Zenner Memorial Tournament in Joplin canceled due to inclement weather.

The Bearcats were picked by coaches to finish eighth in the conference.

Before the season started and injuries piled up, Anderson had high hopes for his team in the MIAA.

"Two weeks prior to the season, I thought we were a top-three team. I truly did," Anderson said. "But that was prior to Kayli, prior to Hailee and now prior to Uthe ... I think we had the players to do it. We were healthy at that point, and we had the players to compete in the conference."

SOFTBALL	
Date	Location
3/8	Maryville
3/12	Kansas City
3/15	Maryville
3/16	Maryville
3/18	Maryville
3/22-3/24	St. Joseph
3/29	Pittsburg, Kan.
3/30	Joplin
4/6	Fort Hays, Kan.
4/7	Kearny, Neb.
4/9	Liberty
4/13	Maryville
4/14	Maryville
4/19	Maryville
4/20	Maryville
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4/28	Edmond, Okla.
5/3-5/5	Overland Park, Kan.

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Honestly, I feel as if I am no longer someone that my peers want to be around in some of my upper level classes. Now that most of my friends have left last semester, I feel alone in my department. -- I miss my smart friends. | I must confess... I'm not prescribed to adderall, but I do my best papers and work when I'm on it. | I wear all-natural unscented deodorant. Not because I'm a hippy, but because I like the way my body smells. #notevenworried | I once saw someone park in a handicap parking spot behind GS without a handicap tag. It was very cold outside, so a friend and I spent 15 minutes carrying cups of water outside and pouring them over the car to freeze the doors shut. | I must confess that Northwest did not prepare me for life after college. | I must confess that I have a hardcore crush on Dr. Jasinski. He's soooo cute!!! | I must confess, the guys I are attracted to, are the ones i shouldn't associate with. | I must confess; I love watching people run across the ice and pray that they bust their asses so I can have some amusement. | I must confess, I set the fire alarm off in my room in Roberta and no one noticed.. winning! | I was flirting with some girl at a party while her friend yelled at my friend for something he had nothing to do with. So when i saw his distressed face I took the girl I was flirting with around back instead of getting my friend out of the awkward situation. He deserved it. | I confess that I'm really not smart enough to be in college. | I must confess that i've considered leaving maryville and changing my major to something I don't enjoy just so i can be closer to home and my boyfriend, but I can't picture myself ever making friends as good as the ones I have here. :(#mixedfeelings | I must confess if a women doesn't weigh 280 pounds or more then I want nothing to do with her. If she aint 280, she aint no lady. | I must confess that I really like two guys I work with, but they're both dating other people. I would never do anything, but it sucks working with them. | I must confess that after watching Pitch Perfect tonight, I should sing Titanium in the shower with my mouth WIDE OPEN! Forgetting about the water boil, oh goodness, I hope I don't have diaherrea | I must confess that I don't like wearing my letters to class. Not that I'm not proud of my sorority, but because people outside of Greek Life treat me differently because they have their own opinions on my life, yet they don't even know me. |

Recent social media trends could cause students trouble in future

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The college-age generation thrives on the embarrassing realities of others' lives. It's their guilty pleasure.

Students at Northwest do not have to turn on MTV and catch an episode of "Jersey Shore" or "Catfish" to get their fix. All they have to do is log on. Students are telling their deepest secrets and sharing embarrassing, drunken photos—all on the worldwide web.

Anonymous Twitter and Facebook accounts,

such as "Maryville Passouts" and "NWMSU Confessions," give students the courage to expose their most private thoughts and actions.

And the audience loves it.

"It's become a daily thing," freshman Madison Baily said. "When I get on Facebook, I check NWMSU Confessions. It's entertaining to see what people have to say."

On NWMSU Confessions, students can submit posts anonymously. Because of the absence of a real-world identity, students fess up to ac-

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LAUREN RICHARDSON | NW MISSOURIAN

The family and consumer sciences department plans to host its final banquet for its last semester on campus.

Department plans strong final semester

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The family and consumer sciences department organizes the "Leaving Our Legacy" banquet, its last banquet before the department closes due to budget cuts at the end of the academic year.

Begun as a formal event in the early '70s, the FCS Annual Student Banquet is a business-style celebration and award-recognition ceremony organized by the students for the students and faculty of the department. Major parts of the ceremony include awarding scholarships, honor cords and recognizing outstanding student achievements.

"It's a good time for faculty and students to get together and celebrate who we are," said Jean Memken, assistant professor of housing and interiors.

In the past, the department celebrated with a Family and Consumer Sciences Week along with the banquet, during which members from student organizations, ambassadors and faculty within the department worked on planning the event.

Now, as an event-planning project, students in Memken's merchandising, furnishing, and accessories course team up to help plan the event and receive grades for their efforts.

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Closing schools for inclement weather proves difficult, challenging decision for several levels of administration

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A forecast for snow can cause students of all ages and mothers all over Maryville to glue their eyes to the television in hopes, or in fear, of that glorious or terrifying words closed.

Snow days are not fun and games for everyone though. For Campus Safety Lt. Mike Ceperley, it means little sleep and constant monitoring.

"According to our policy, I monitor this

all night," Ceperley said. "I have to get reports from facility services, the outreach center and anyone else involved, and I have to give reports to the president at 9 p.m., midnight and 3 a.m. We try to have that decision made by 4 a.m., so we can get that information to media relations, and we can send out a text alert."

The decision to close is not an easy one and is based on several factors, according to Ceperley.

"Whenever there's a severe weather alert, a bulletin comes from the National Weather

Service," Ceperley said. "I communicate with the city of Maryville, the highway patrol and the Weather Service. I relay all this information to the president, and we communicate with several different folks."

Communication between Ceperley and President John Jasinski is constant. After the 4 a.m. deadline passes, reports become hourly.

"If our streets are open enough to where University professors and students can get through, that is really going to have an impact on whether we're open or

closed," Ceperley said.

Ceperley said although most of the University population lives in Maryville, they encourage those who travel to make their own decisions based on safety.

"We're very unique and, people don't want to hear this, but we're not bound by transportation," Ceperley said. "We're not busing; we don't have to worry about sending out buses to pick up kids on the county roads. We don't have that liability aspect."

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Site encourages sharing STI status

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Students concerned if their potential partner might have an STI can now check online.

Qpid.me is a website where any sexually active person can post his STI results and share them with whomever he wants. Qpid.me is designed to provide privacy for people who hold an account on the website. Founder Ramin Bastani created the website to allow users to access their medical records and share them in a private way.

"(Qpid.me) is good for anyone who wants to have sex, and college students have picked this up in a huge way," Bastani said. "A lot of our users use it in an online-dating type of way. About 45 million people do online dating in the United States, so a lot of people actually post it on their dating profiles."

Bastani said he wants his website to be more helpful when people talk to a sexual partner about STI testing. Freshman McKenzie Newsom said people on Qpid.me could falsify their profiles.

"I think it could help students in the fact that they could see if others have an STI," Newsom said. "Then again, just like every other media source out there, you can lie on it fairly easily."

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Student Senate President Riley Zeimer and Vice President Matthew Fritsch discuss issues at the Feb. 19 Senate meeting. Senate will decide on increases in student fees.

Student Senate considering raising various student fees

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Northwest Student Senate proposed new student fees for the 2013-2014 school year that will directly affect students and faculty.

The Student Fees Committee on the Senate recommended four areas be increased, which would add up to \$5.85 per credit hour.

"We presented our student fees proposal to the Senate on Feb. 26, and we will vote on March 12," said Matthew Fritsch, student senate vice president. "This will give our members time to inform their constituencies as well as give us time to get input from students."

The four areas that could be increased are the Student Activities Fee, Academic Equipment Fee, Minimum Wage Fee, and Technology Fee.

The proposed Student Activities fee would raise the fee by \$1 per credit hour and would go toward

various areas, such as intermural programs, the lecture series and intercultural events.

"This fee is not to be confused with the Student Activities Council Fee because it will go toward other areas besides SAC, including Student Senate and Greek Life events," Fritsch said. "There's just a need for more events and things to do on campus."

The Academic Equipment Fee could be raised by \$1.35 per credit hour and would go toward providing regular updates for specialized classrooms. It may also go toward new interactive ways for students to study in the library, such as more dry-erase boards for students to use.

The Minimum Wage Fee could be increased by 50 cents, which is in response to the state of Missouri raising its minimum wage by 10 cents at the beginning of the year.

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Students exchange art globally

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An art consortium brings international cultural awareness to Northwest.

Adil Abbas Sheikh, a graduate student from Kashmir, formed project Kashmir Crossover in fall 2011. The project functions as a cultural platform for Northwest, Kashmir's artists and students who are interested in art to communicate, connect and exchange ideas, thoughts and artwork.

"We got tremendous response. Therefore, we decided to do the art exchange and, hopefully, the fundraising a second time,"

Sheikh said.

The project also raises money to pay for art supplies in Kashmir. The fundraisers are from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday in the J.W. Jones Student Union.

Items for purchase include handmade cards, ceramic cups, Kashmiri saffron tea, peace brackets, hand-knit woolen hats, headbands and bookmarks.

It started as a simple idea, but the project now has an online platform where artists can upload their work to be showcased.

Last year, the group did its first show in April. The group now has collaborated 40 students and artists from Kashmir and North-

west.

"It's a good way to celebrate and make Kashmir culture known," senior Samir Suja said.

For the exhibition this spring, selected artworks will be displayed at the Olive DeLuce Gallery from March 11 to March 15, 2013. Regular hours are 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays, 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and 1:30 to 5 p.m. Sundays.

On March 14, the Kashmir Crossover reception will be held in the Olive DeLuce Gallery. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. and the lecture begins at 9 p.m. The event is open to the public.

Encore series brings Grammy-winning group

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Northwest students will get a chance to see the Grammy-winning Parker Quartet as part of the 2012-2013 "Discover the Arts" Encore series.

The Office of Campus Activities chose the Parker Quartet and accompanying pianist, Shai Wosner, because of its traditional sound.

OCA Director Angel McAdams-Prescott said they have chosen more "pop-culture" types of music in the past years. She said they wanted to bring some variety to campus this year.

"(Students and locals), hopefully, will leave with a new appreciation for traditional music like this," McAdams-Prescott said.

The Parker Quartet offers a mix of jazz, folk and world music. The group began touring professionally more than a decade ago. Members of the quartet began playing instruments as early as 2 and 4 years old.

The quartet's second recording, released in 2009, won the 2011 Grammy Award for Best Chamber Music Performance.

The group consists of young, accomplished artists. McAdams-Prescott regarded this as one of the most appealing aspects of the group.

OCA made its decision after spending a multitude of hours watching YouTube videos and listening to CDs.

McAdams-Prescott said the "talent and skill level" of the group highly impressed her.

"We knew it would be a good show and a good fit for our series and the community," McAdams-Prescott said.

The University has been producing the Encore series for more than 20 years.

McAdams-Prescott said Encore not only gives students "a taste of the arts" but exposes them to history and culture.

"(Art) is a way to tell a story, to tell the history," McAdams-Prescott said. "I also think it's a great way for people to be exposed to culture, which is important. We're not a society that works in our own bubble."

The quartet will perform 7:30 p.m. March 11 in the Mary Linn Auditorium at the Ron Houston Center for Performing Arts. Tickets are free for students.



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- Last date to drop a trimester course
- Heart Health Challenge Northwest Fitness Center
- Operation Breakthrough! J.W. Jones Student Union
- Men's Tennis at Nebraska-Kearney 2 p.m. at Grand Island, Neb.
- Women's Tennis at Nebraska-Kearney

Saturday, March 9

- Jazz Festival Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building
- Heart Health Challenge Northwest Fitness Center
- Operation Breakthrough! J.W. Jones Student Union
- Science Visit Day 8 a.m. at Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts
- Special Olympics House of Pancakes (SOHOP) 9 a.m. at Lamkin Activity Center
- Baseball vs. Central Missouri 12 p.m. at Bearcat Baseball Field
- Jazz Ensemble Concert 12 p.m. at Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building
- Softball vs. Lincoln University 12 p.m. at Bearcat Softball Field
- Women's Tennis at Fort Hays State 12 p.m. at Hays, Kan.
- Women's basketball at the MIAA Tournament
- Jazz Festival Awards Concert 5 p.m. at Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building
- Chili Cookoff Fundraiser 5 p.m. at Community of Faith

Sunday, March 10

- Daylight Savings Time
- Last date for 75% refund on dropped 2nd block courses
- Heart Health Challenge Northwest Fitness Center
- Operation Breakthrough! J.W. Jones Student Union
- Baseball vs. Central Missouri 12 p.m. at Bearcat Baseball Field
- Women's basketball at the MIAA Tournament Kansas City, Mo.
- Mass 7 p.m. at Newman Catholic Center



TYLER SHAW | NW MISSOURIAN

Horace Mann Laboratory School recently revised their security procedures. Specific forms of identification are now needed to enter the building.

Horace Mann works to close gaps in security procedures

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Administrators at Horace Mann Laboratory School tightened security last week with a new check-in process for visitors.

A recent security audit done by Campus Safety Police Chief Clarence Green and Lt. Mike Ceperley revealed Horace Mann had a few "soft spots" when it came to security. Incidents such as the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting as well as various shootings at college campuses across the nation fueled Horace Mann Principal Jill Baker's desire to be more vigilant when it came to the school's security.

"Given the nature of our building and the need for not only our students but University students to use our facility, we can't be the always-locked-down-buzz-you-in type of environment," Baker said. "We have over 900 students a year that use this facility, so we can't do it."

Based on recommendations by

"Given the nature of our building and the need for not only our students but University students to use our facility, we can't always be the always locked down buzz you in type of environment."

Jill Baker

Green and Ceperley, Baker and her staff instituted check-in points at the north and east entrances.

Anyone entering Horace Mann must now have one of three types of identification: a gold Northwest name plate, a Horace Mann identification badge or a University police badge. Visitors are stopped at the check-in desk if none of these identifications are available and issued a visitors badge.

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City moves forward with construction

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Maryville will undergo several street improvement projects this year, including an extensive redesign of the entrance to the University on Fourth Street.

Construction began on the South Depot Street project, which will add a concrete roadway along Depot Street from First to Halsey streets.

"The Depot Street project is approximately 20 percent complete. It's a \$1.1 million project, and it will construct a brand new concrete street with a curb and gutter storm sewage system," City Manager Greg McDaniel said.

Later this month, the city will move forward with the Munn Avenue project, which will create another new concrete roadway and sewer system. Construction is set to begin on March 15 and will close the street for through traffic for two months. During this time, Maryville High School will be accessible by Munn Avenue from the south by using Highway V. The \$1.3 million project will also construct a separate bike and pedestrian trail.

The Fourth Street Improvement project proposed last November is looking to improve various aspects of the main entrance to Northwest in collaboration with the city and University.

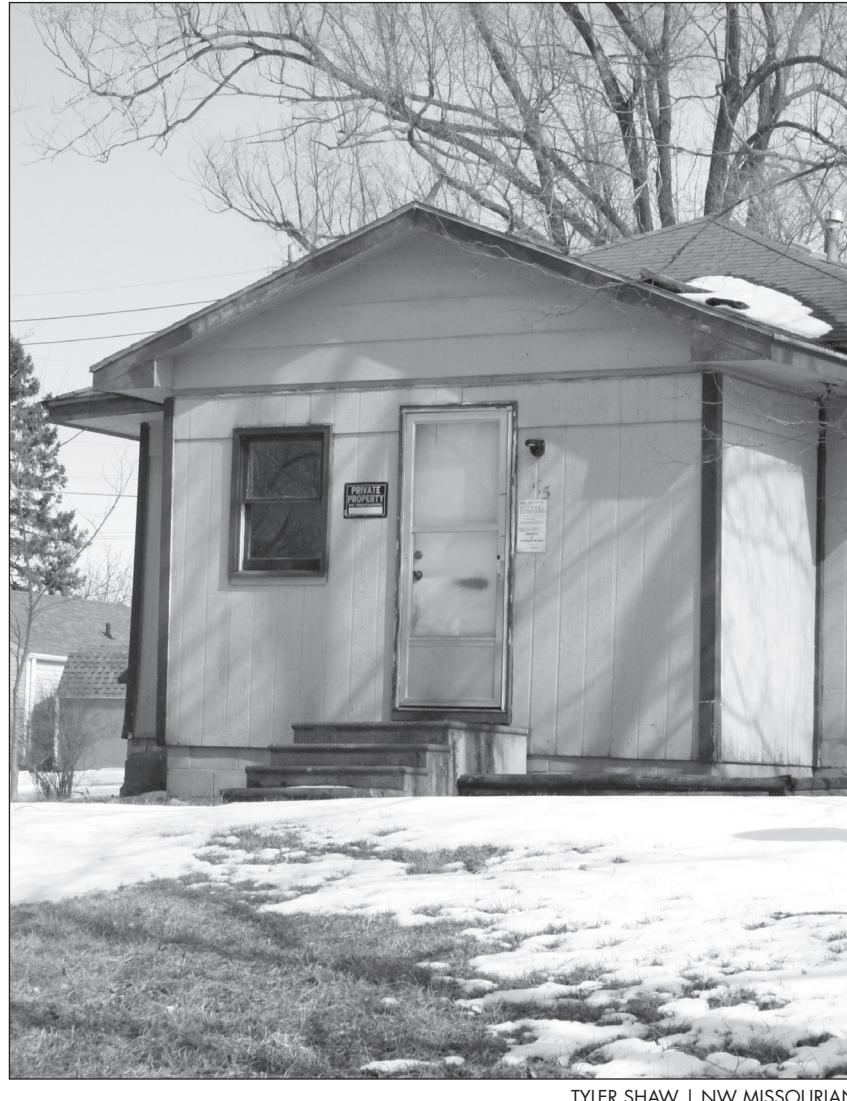
"The Fourth Street Improvement project will seek to improve the functionality and aesthetic aspects from Main Street to the University along Fourth Street," McDaniel said.

Conceptual drawings provided by the SK Design Group, which the city and University selected as an engineering firm, include the construction of a bicycle/pedestrian path, new ramps, detectable warning strips at crosswalks, decorative, black streetlight poles and an extension of the Missouri arboretum located on campus.

"We should, hopefully, hear back on some of our grant applications next week regarding the Fourth Street project, but we have received a \$240,000 grant from the Missouri Department of Transportation," McDaniel said. "We have also submitted a \$489,000 grant application to build a portion of the project."

The city will move forward with the Fourth Street project as soon as the funding gap is determined from state grants.

Along with the various street projects, the city is also looking to complete four pedestrian trail projects this year.



TYLER SHAW | NW MISSOURIAN
This house that sits at 115 N. Waters street is one of the residences to be demolished.

Bill could prevent efforts to limit child farm labor

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A bill going through the Missouri House could prevent future efforts in limiting youths' ability to work on their parents' farms.

Senate Bill 16 would exempt youths under the age of 16 from being required to get a work certificate. There would also be no limitation on the number of days or hours they can work with parental consent.

Missouri Sen. Brian Munzlinger (R-Williamstown) is the sponsor of the legislation and knows the importance of family farming to Missouri.

"We didn't want to jeopardize what farm families have done for generations," Munzlinger said.

A summary of the bill states "This act exempts farm work performed by children under the age of 16 from... obtaining a work certificate, hours/days of performance, and certain prohibited hazardous

jobs. This exemption only applies to children working on their own family farms, and with the knowledge and consent of their parents, the family farms of others."

The Senate passed the bill Feb. 25, and it will now go through the House. The bill came about after the federal government made an attempt to limit youths from working on farms. Proposed by the Department of Labor in 2011, public and political sources pressured the rule from being enacted, and it was officially withdrawn in May 2012.

Tim Hatfield, a local farmer, voiced his opinion on how this bill would help Missouri farmers in the future.

"If the kid wants to work hard, he should not be denied the opportunity," Hatfield said. "It's not like working in a factory, since they are outside in agriculture, and it is not always constant activity."

Hatfield's farm consists of cattle, row crops and hay baling, and he admits his children help a tre-

Maryville focuses funding toward unsafe structures

THOMAS DRESSLAR

Chief Reporter | @Tom_Dresslar

The city of Maryville is looking to tear down several dilapidated houses in an effort to reduce the amount of unsafe structures in the city.

"Last year we began a renewed effort to remove unsafe and dangerous structures here in Maryville, and we essentially removed about 10 in the last year," City Manager Greg McDaniel said.

According to Maryville city code, if a house is deemed unsafe or dangerous by code inspectors, the city can get that property removed by the property owner, or the city can go ahead and demolish it.

After taking down 10 structures last year, the city has budgeted \$75,000 for home demolition in 2013.

Last December, the Board

of Code of Appeals determined a house on 115 N. Water Street as substandard and in need of immediate repair or demolition.

The city opened bids for demolition on the Water Street structure on March 1, and its future will be discussed in an upcoming City Council meeting.

City code inspectors have also tagged three more structures in Maryville as substandard.

Houses at 505 E. Sixth Street, 110 S. Fillmore Street and 816 E. Edwards Street have been deemed unsafe, and those property owners have 60 days to comply with the city.

The city of Maryville will continue to remove properties not up to city code to improve neighborhood safety as well as appearance.



BROOKLYN SUMMERVILLE | NW MISSOURIAN
Senate Bill 16 could prevent attempts to limit youths ages 16 and younger from working on farms. The bill passed through the Missouri Senate Feb. 25.

mendous amount. His two sons, Nick, 19, and Henry, 16, help on the family farm.

"(The children) are learning how to operate the farm for when I am not around anymore," Hatfield said. "They do a lot for this farm."

Munzlinger says that is his approach on the proposal.

"This is not anything different than we've been doing for generations," Munzlinger said. "We've raised kids on the farm."

Hatfield hopes this passes, and

there are never any regulations placed on youth farmers.

"The help from my kids is invaluable," Hatfield said. "I don't always need somebody full-time to rely on. Without them, it would be impossible to function."

Munzlinger also said that it teaches youth responsibility and work ethic.

The timetable on when the House will vote has not been established yet.

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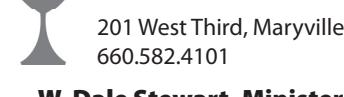
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Genetically modified crops harm health



CODY UHING
Opinion Editor

Whether you realize it or not, you have been eating genetically modified organisms for years. Companies like Monsanto and the U.S. government have ensured consumers that the "Franken-crops" they are eating are safe.

A new report from the European Food Safety Authority reveals new threats to consumers. It turns out there is a viral gene in the most prominent GMO crops, and it can potentially disrupt biological functions in living organisms.

The gene, called Gene VI, has been linked to the growth of tumors in rats. The gene has also been known to assemble virus particles, inhibit the natural defense of the

cellular system, produce proteins that can cause problems and make plants susceptible to bacterial pathogens.

All these problems arise from one viral gene found in popular GMO crops, such as Roundup Ready soybeans, NK603 and MON810 corn. In the circle of life, that all ends up in your stomach one way or the other.

Many nonprofit organizations in rural, farming communities have attempted to curb the use of GMO crops, but it is a project doomed to fail. The lobbying power of the top companies in the GMO industry has sufficiently suffocated any opposition.

In our society, our voices should be heard over the money that Monsanto is pouring into Washington. We should not be okay with eating genetically modified corn that will end up giving us cancer. The whole purpose behind the modified crops was to ensure that plants would not

be susceptible to bugs and diseases, thus offering a larger yield to farmers.

While this was a noble cause, it turned into a never-ending cycle of modifications. Every few seasons, bugs and diseases would mutate and become immune to the old pesticides and herbicides in the plants. Now companies are continually changing their formula to keep up with the spread of attacks.

This puts pressure on farmers to continually upgrade their seeds so their yield is high enough to pay for the next season's modified seeds. We need to focus on non-GMO crops and get back to the basics. We cannot continue to consume modified produce in all of the food products we eat. We will see more and more information come out about the health risks behind GMOs in our food. It will continue to give us a reason to fight back against corporations out to make money at all costs.

CAMPUS TALK

What do you think about the rise in student fees?



"Whether we like it or not, it will be raised. It has to due to raising costs. Even Suddenlink raised their bill, so those on campus have to foot the bill."

Alex Brosnahan
Senior
Social Science

"Just because of the fact that I wasn't aware of them before you told me, I think raising them won't be such a big deal."

Erin Richmond
Senior
Psychology/Sociology

"I guess the fees would help improve technology on campus, and it's not that much, so it would help a lot of things."

Megan Rawie
Junior
Elementary Education

"I'm about to graduate, so it doesn't affect me much longer. If we're getting better computers, better Internet and better equipment, I can see how it would be worth it."

"Student fees, especially technology, it is expensive enough as it is, so I don't think it should be raised any more."

Tyler Dierking
Senior
Elementary Education

Nathan Durie
Senior
English

Routine tests could help avoid cancer

JUDY ERUEH
Wellness Center Clinical Supervisor

Whether you are a male or female, if you are 50 years of age or older, you should be screened for colorectal cancer. If you are younger and have a family history of colorectal cancer or if you have symptoms of blood in the stools, dark or colored stools, change in bowel habits, or weight loss, you need to talk to your health care provider to test for this disease sooner.

It can be embarrassing to talk about bowel habits. It can be embarrassing to think about having to have any testing that will involve fecal material, having a bowel prep, or having a tube inserted into the rectum, but the fact is, if colorectal screening is caught early, it has a 90 percent cure rate. Often times our embarrassment can cause us to not have routine screenings. This can lead to a prognosis that is much more concerning if colorectal cancer is detected.

It can be very confusing what method of screening is most effective. It can also be confusing to know if your insurance will pay for various procedures. That is why it is important to talk to your health care provider. The two of you can determine what test is best for you. The United States Preventive Services Task Force recommends fecal occult blood testing, flexible sigmoidoscopy or a colonoscopy beginning at age 50 for both men and women.

The Nodaway County Crusade Against Cancer along with St. Francis Hospital and Health Services offer free FOBT kits throughout the year. These can be picked up year round from your health care provider or St. Francis Lab. During the month of March, the kits are also available at the Nodaway County Health Center, Walmart, Walgreens, Hy-Vee Pharmacy, and the University Wellness Center at Northwest Missouri State University.

Some of the ways you can work to do this include eating a healthy diet of five or more fruits and vegetables every day, having lots of whole grains, avoiding processed foods, avoiding red meat and limiting your alcoholic beverages. Remember, the evidence is out there that 35 percent of all cancers are related to poor diet. It is also very important to be physically active and keep your weight at a healthy weight for you.



LT. COL. LESLIE PRATT / AP
President Barack Obama's support of the drone strike program could mean drones like this MQ-9 Reaper would have clearance to attack suspected terrorist areas.

Drone strike policy

unjust, inhumane



THOMAS DRESSLER
Chief Reporter

President Barack Obama has irked conservatives in almost every action he has taken while in office, and normally, most Democrats will defend him. However, there are many issues Obama has championed that have upset not just those on the right, but those on the left as well. Much controversy has been made about his drone strike program in the Middle East. To put it simply, it allows him to kill anyone, even American citizens, without any justification or due process.

This issue may sound familiar to many because Obama's rationale behind this utter disregard for civil liberties is almost identical to former President Bush's rationale of indefinite detention and treatment of prisoners at Guantanamo Bay just a few years ago.

The argument is this: in times of war, we cannot classify security operations as "law enforcement," which would require a lengthy due process that would cost a lot of time and money. We must attack supposed terrorists swiftly.

In order to see if that rationale is justified, one has to look at the history of the drone program and see if it's successful at taking out known al-Qaeda operatives.

A prominent news story that

refutes this claim is the killing of alleged al-Qaeda member and American citizen Anwar al-Awlaki and his 16-year-old son, Abdulrahman, last October.

Abdulrahman al-Awlaki was born in Denver, and his father became known throughout the world for his anti-American sentiments posted throughout the Internet. On Sept. 30, 2011, Anwar was killed in Yemen by a U.S. drone strike, and weeks later, his son was killed in another drone strike. Despite having no connections to terrorist organizations, an innocent American was killed by our own government.

This adds to the narrative that Obama is downplaying the damage these drone strikes have on innocent civilians. According to a study by Columbia Law School's Human Rights Institute, as much as 50 civilians are killed in Pakistan for every one terrorist. The Bureau of Investigative Journalism even reported that the CIA is deliberately targeting those who show up after an attack.

Killing an American citizen, such as al-Awlaki, is an obvious violation of the due process clause in our country's Constitution, and yet this issue often skates under the radar in news coverage. Even so-called liberals haven't been as vocal on this issue as they were when Bush was committing war crimes such as this.

Conservatives and liberals alike must pressure the Obama administration to end this drone program and continue to fight for human rights in America.



ALEX RASH | NW MISSOURIAN
Student Senate Vice President Matt Fritsch, who heads the student fees ad hoc committee, speaks at Student Senate meeting Feb. 18. The committee's goal is to approve possible fee increases for students.

OUR VIEW: Fees necessary to sustain campus life

When you attend any school, there are multiple factors that contribute to the cost you will pay for your education. There is the basic tuition fee that is dependent on the number of credits you are taking, room and board fees for housing and meal plans and then there are the student fees.

Every year there seems to be an increase in student fees. Different members of the Northwest Leadership Team look at where they need resources to supplement programs for students, and then they propose those fee increases to the Student Senate.

This year there are four proposed increases to student fees: technology, classroom equipment, student activities and minimum wage. If these fees are increased, it will mean more money coming from students, but it will enhance programs that are available to Northwest students.

While nobody wants to pay more to go to college, raising student fees is a necessary evil. We need to raise the fees to continue to provide students with what they have come to expect from the Uni-

versity. When the proposed fees go to the Student Senate ad hoc committee, it is up to them to determine what is sent to the general body for a vote.

Senators vote based on what they hear from their constituents. If you are vehemently opposed to the fee increases, you can contact your senator and inform him. The fees that come out of our wallet are based on what the student body wants. We believe that they add an important aspect to our college life, and even though the fees seem large, they aren't as bad as many would think. All the fees go toward something that will touch students and promote educational growth.

Many of the fees are raised above the bare minimum to ensure that we do not have to raise them for a few more years. Every year different fees are raised to cover different parts of the University's cost to educate us. We live in a time when our government does not focus solely on funding higher education. We have to pick up the slack to help the administration provide us with a well-rounded education.

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FCS

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To make the event a possibility each year, a number of committees collaborate to plan, make reservations, publicize the event and send out invitations. Senior Megan Stagner is in charge of publicity for this year's banquet.

"Our mood doesn't want to be depressing," Stagner said of the aptly-titled "Leaving Our Legacy" banquet.

To go along with the theme, the students organizing the banquet will collect antiquated items from the department to use for decorations.

One of the oldest departments on campus, FCS has been at Northwest for 105 years. That history could provide some interesting centerpieces.

"There are plenty of artifacts to use," Memken said, "Lots of wonderful old things."

Those attending the banquet this year – in addition to the FCS students, faculty and special guests from the administration who generally attend – include emeritus faculty and alumni from the surrounding communities who expressed an interest in attending this last banquet.

Expansion of the guest list is not all that is different this year. The seniors of the FCS department will also perform a skit, which is outside the norm. When asked about the theme of the skit, Memken said it is rumored that it is a recreation of a faculty meeting, but it is mostly still a mystery.

Senior Brittany Swoboda, who helped with decorations for the banquet last year as a part of Memken's merchandising class, was asked to give a speech at this year's celebration but chose not to. She said she is too emotionally involved, and it would be too difficult to give a speech.

"(It's) one big last hoorah," Swoboda said. "To send us out with a bang."

The FCS department will celebrate "Leaving Our Legacy" at 5 p.m. on March 19 in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

FEES

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"The fee is minimal at 50 cents, but it will go a long way," Fritsch said. "It could add 30 campus jobs, and places such as the Talent Development Center could use more employees."

The Technology Fee could see the biggest increase, adding up to \$3 per credit hour. This fee would go toward wireless Internet improvements throughout campus, newer projectors in classrooms and various other computer and technology improvements.

"This is something I feel a lot of students could get behind because we've all experienced problems with the Internet connection on campus," Fritsch said.

Northwest Student Senate has posted a survey on the Northwest website that students can complete to give the Senate a clear idea of what fees students agree with.

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Survey on student fees

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STI

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sation."

Despite Bastani saying users enjoying the website, freshman Jonathan Wiss sees a potential user problem.

"I think Northwest students would and would not use it because it would be helpful, but what if some people that had an STI did not make a profile?" Wiss said. "Or what if people were not involved on the website as much as others?"

Although some users may not be as active as others, Bastani said that Qpid.me offers incentives for getting STI checks.

"It especially makes you more attractive in an online dating environment," Bastani said. "If you get tested more often, your status makes you more attractive... it makes people feel a lot better about you taking care of your health."

In a few months, Qpid.me will launch an iPhone app that will take an interesting approach to shar-

CLOSINGS

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The Maryville R-II School District, though, has to factor in the inability of transporting students in inclement weather.

"I think, first and foremost, our main concern is the safety of students and staff travelling to and from school on those days," Assistant Superintendent Steve Klotz said. "We have about 1,360 students and about sixty percent of them travel on buses. We also have several hundred students driving to school every day, and these are typically new drivers.

"We want to feel road conditions are safe for them to travel."

The Maryville School District administrators work in tandem with the city of Maryville, Missouri Highway Patrol and the district directors of maintenance and transportation.

Klotz and Superintendent Larry

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Ramin Bastani

ing STI results. When one iPhone is placed on top of another iPhone, they start "humping." Then the STI results are transferred from one iPhone to another iPhone.

Linthacum also drive the roads to check road conditions before making a decision.

"It gets really hard to cancel school on a prediction or a forecast," Klotz said. "Sometimes they're right, and sometimes they're wrong."

As for Horace Mann Laboratory School, Principal Jill Baker said its policy is to follow the Maryville Public School District.

All organizations stressed the importance of safety for students, teachers and all personnel involved.

"You want to make a good decision," Ceperley said. "You don't want to put these people in harm's way."

"I think we have a pretty good process set that we're following. It works pretty well; it just makes it hard when it's in that time frame in the morning. I know it's not very popular for students but, unfortunately, it's northwest Missouri. It's going to snow."

SOCIAL MEDIA

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tions such as smoking on campus, throwing condoms out of residential hall windows and accidentally setting the Tau Kappa Epsilon house on fire.

NWMSU Confessions became popular instantly. The page gained just under 1,500 "likes" within the first four days of its establishment.

Senior Loni Russel said she discovered the page on the fourth day when "everyone was raving about it."

"Our society in general is so concerned with other peoples' personal lives," Russel said. "I think people like to hear other people's problems. They read these depressing things, and they're like, 'Well, that sucks, at least my life is not that bad.'"

The confessions page could get shut down by the University if posts get out of hand.

Administration took the confessions page at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, down less than 24 hours after it was launched due to student complaints.

The San Francisco State University confessions page's administrator took the page down last week because he feared legal battles with the University.

Senior Heather Shumake, who is an Alumni Association social media intern, said she would compare this "online community diary" to the "Mean Girls" burn book.

"Not trying to quote 'Mean Girls' or anything, but the stuff that they put in their book, half of it was true, and half of it wasn't," Shumake said. "Yet they had to investigate all of it... What if something serious was confessed on (NWMSU Confessions) and they did nothing about it? Would the school be liable for that? Would whoever made this page be liable for that? Would the user? There could be a number of problems that come from this."

Jody Strauch, Northwest social media strategies professor, said the site will become harmful if students

start posting about each other.

"That's the danger of this," Strauch said. "People think they're so anonymous, but they could be hurting other people. I think this will be fun for a while, until somebody really gets hurt. Then people will start to go, 'oh, maybe that's not a good idea.... Right now it's kind of funny, until we go too far.'

The biggest appeal of these sites could be the proximity. It's not exactly like MTV reality shows. Students are watching the personal lives of people they could know.

Maryville Passouts pictures tweeted at it of students who pass out at parties.

"I probably look at it every day," Shumake said. "Just because it's funny, and I know half the people in those photos."

Tweets on the Maryville Passouts page could affect students' futures. A picture could easily trace back to a person because it is connected to the Twitter handle of the person who posted it.

"If you're passed out on the sofa where you just threw up (in a picture posted online), that's going to affect your ability to get a job, I think," Strauch said.

This could be out of a student's control. Most "Maryville Passouts" tweets are submitted by the friends of the passed out.

"I don't know why anyone would put themselves on (Maryville Passouts)," Shumake said. "Unless they don't care about their future? I don't know."

"I think you're stupid for putting yourself on there. I think your friends really think it's funny to put you on there, but it's not doing you any good."

Sites like NWMSU Confessions and Maryville Passouts give students something to talk about.

"It's the juicy gossip that people put on (these sites)," Baily said.

Russell said she uses NWMSU Confessions as a conversation piece with her friends.

"My friend will be like, 'Oh, Loni, you have to check this post out. This has to be so-and-so,'" Russel said. "Or we'll be like, 'yeah, I'm never sitting on that sofa again.'"

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Blotter from the Maryville Department of Public Safety

Feb. 18

There is an ongoing investigation of trespassing at the 1600 block of South Main Street.

Feb. 19

An accident occurred between Karen L. Van Pelt, 50, Maryville, Mo., and an unknown driver at the 600 block of East Third Street.

Feb. 22

There is an ongoing investigation of a fire reported at the 2800 block of 250th Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of fraud at the 600 block of North Vine Street.

Jacob C. Schwiebeneart, 20, Maryville, Mo., was charged with disorderly conduct at the 500 block of North Laura Street.

Feb. 23

Bernard L. Reed, 18, Maryville, Mo., was charged with not having a valid driver's license and failure to stop at a posted stop sign at the 300 block of South Buchanan Street.

Kyle R. Fenton, 20, Maryville, Mo., was charged with possessing a fake/ altered driver's license.

Matthew Sharp, 19, Maryville, Mo., was charged with possessing a fake/ altered driver's license.

An accident occurred between Austin A. Wilson, 22, Maryville, Mo., and Marton Sandoval, Platte City, Mo., at the 400 block of East First Street. Wilson was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

Feb. 24

A wallet was reported stolen at the 300 block of South Laura Street.

Feb. 28

Jasmine M. Berry, 23, Maryville, Mo., was charged with disorderly conduct at the 500 block of West Fifth Street.

An accident occurred between Cooper A. Olmstead, 27, and Janae L. Renfro, both of Maryville, Mo., at the 200 block of West Fourth Street. Olmstead was issued a citation for leaving the scene of an accident.

Melissa D. Rahn, 34, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving while suspended, improper registration, and failure to show proof of insurance at the 700 block of East Fifth Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of assault at the 1200 block of South Main Street.

An accident occurred between Shadoe S. Miller, 23, Grant City, Mo., and John D. Palmer, 24, Maryville, Mo., at the intersection of East Seventh and North Main streets.

There is an ongoing investigation of a stolen vehicle at the 1100 block of Julie Drive.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny from a motor vehicle at the 1000 block of East Halsey Street.

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There is an ongoing investigation of a stolen vehicle at the 100 block of Sunset Drive.

Mar. 1

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at the 2800 block of South Main Street.

An accident occurred between Theresa A. Keever, Maryville, Mo., and Hannah C. Ethier, 19, St. Charles, Mo., at the 1100 block of South Main Street.

Mar. 2

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny from a motor vehicle at the 1200 block of Parkdale Road.

Leean C. Daniels, 18, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at the 900 block of West First Street.

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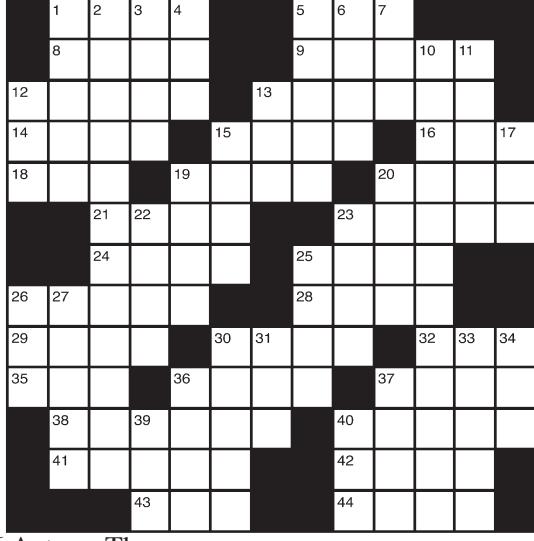
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ACROSS
1 "70s Show"
5 Hanks or Cruise
8 Country music
singer McEntire
9 Series for Linda
Lavin
12 Hunt of "Mad
About You"
13 Takes without
permission
14 Brain wave tests,
for short
15 Nabisco sandwich
cookie
16 "Life ___ House";
Kevin Kline film
18 180° from WNW
19 "___ Search"; Ed
McMahon talent
show
20 Setting for "The
King and I"
21 Tidy
23 "The Bells of St.
____"; movie for Bing
Crosby and Ingrid
Bergman
24 Sonny
25 Overhanging roof
edge
26 Topple; overturn
28 Rex or Donna
29 "___ Attacks!";
movie for Jack
Nicholson and Pierce
Brosnan
30 "Exodus" author
Leon
32 FedEx rival
35 Summer month:

abbr.
36 "The Suze Orman
Show" network
37 Make a small cut
38 "Star Trek III: The
for Spock"
40 "___ Days"; Ron
Howard series
41 Actor Flynn
42 Late Arthur of
tennis
43 Female sheep
44 "The ___ the
limit!"

DOWN
1 "Men in ___"
2 Actress Marg
3 Lincoln and Vigoda
4 Sunbather's reward
5 Spud
6 Margarine
7 Farrow or Sara
10 Role on "Modern
Family"
11 Schoolchild's
writing assignment
12 "___ Haw"
13 Mrs. in Madrid
15 Mr. Preminger
17 Midnight-to-noon
periods, for short
19 "The Pebbles";
Steve McQueen
movie
20 Rescue
22 Long geological
periods
23 Namesakes of
actress West
25 Sevareid or Stoltz

By Peter A Collins



Answers for the
Feb. 28 issue.

40 "Rumor ___ It...";
Jennifer Aniston
movie

Horoscopes:

Today's Birthday (03/07/13).

Home life keeps you joyfully
grounded for the first half of the
year, with positive changes like new
space or an addition to the family.
Stick to the budget as you indulge
your playful side. Learning, travel,
friends, creativity and fun are
regular themes. Explore.

To get the advantage, check the day's
rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the
most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today
is an 8 -- Let your partner take the
lead. Push your crew to participate.
Affection grows in a difficult
situation. Women offer their help,
including some startling insights.
Listen with intention. Distant
communications bring positive
news.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today
is a 9 -- Discover a treasure you
didn't know you had. You can
borrow the money you need; keep
track of spending. Get into action.
Acknowledgement comes from far
away. Invitations fly between friends
and family.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today
is an 8 -- In a lucky break, a crazy
idea works. Collect as much as you
can. Listen more than speaking.

Nancy Black

Your discipline's admirable; use it to
increase efficiency. Quiet meditation
lifts your spirits.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is
a 9 -- There's a lucky surprise. Still,
more study is required. True love
plays by the rules. Press your agenda
verbally. By now, your choice should
be obvious. Invest in your business.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is
a 9 -- Get a sexy new outfit, and
be prepared for some good news.
Discuss the potential privately. Keep
your resources confidential. Share a
moment of sweet nostalgia with
someone who was there.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today
is an 8 -- Make long-range plans to
improve your living conditions. Ask
family to help, and get pleasantly
obsessed with details. Insist upon
what works best for you. Romance
enters the picture unbidden.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is
a 7 -- Personal magnetism works
in your favor. Gather information,
and share it. Let your partner take
the lead; your team has faith in your
success. You love the people you
meet now. Romance beckons.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today
is an 8 -- Give thanks for a windfall.
Invest in your own success first.

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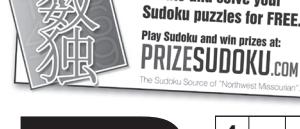
You can afford it. Creative planning
resolves a practical issue. Speak
healing words. Complete a home
project. Provide excellent service
and support.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) --
Today is a 9 -- You're irresistible,
and they love you. Make a plan
for the future that includes your
partner's dream. A secret tip leads
to profits. Call the shot, and sign on.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) --
Today is a 9 -- Pleasant memories
abound. Gather practical data.
Your dedication to service is
commendable. Reveal your ideas
in private. Accept encouragement,
then go ahead and make a
commitment for those you love.

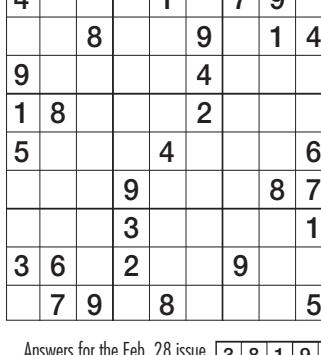
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today
is a 7 -- There's more work coming
in. Make sure it works for your
family. Look for clues behind the
scenes. Visit an influential female.
Keep your team on track, and
upgrade equipment. Add love and
creativity.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today
is an 8 -- What would you love to
learn next? You can afford to take on
future expenses now. In a delightful
turn of events, there's more creative
work coming in, and a bonus. Invest
in your business.

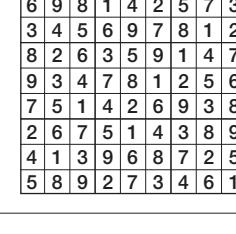


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and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9. Use logic
to solve.

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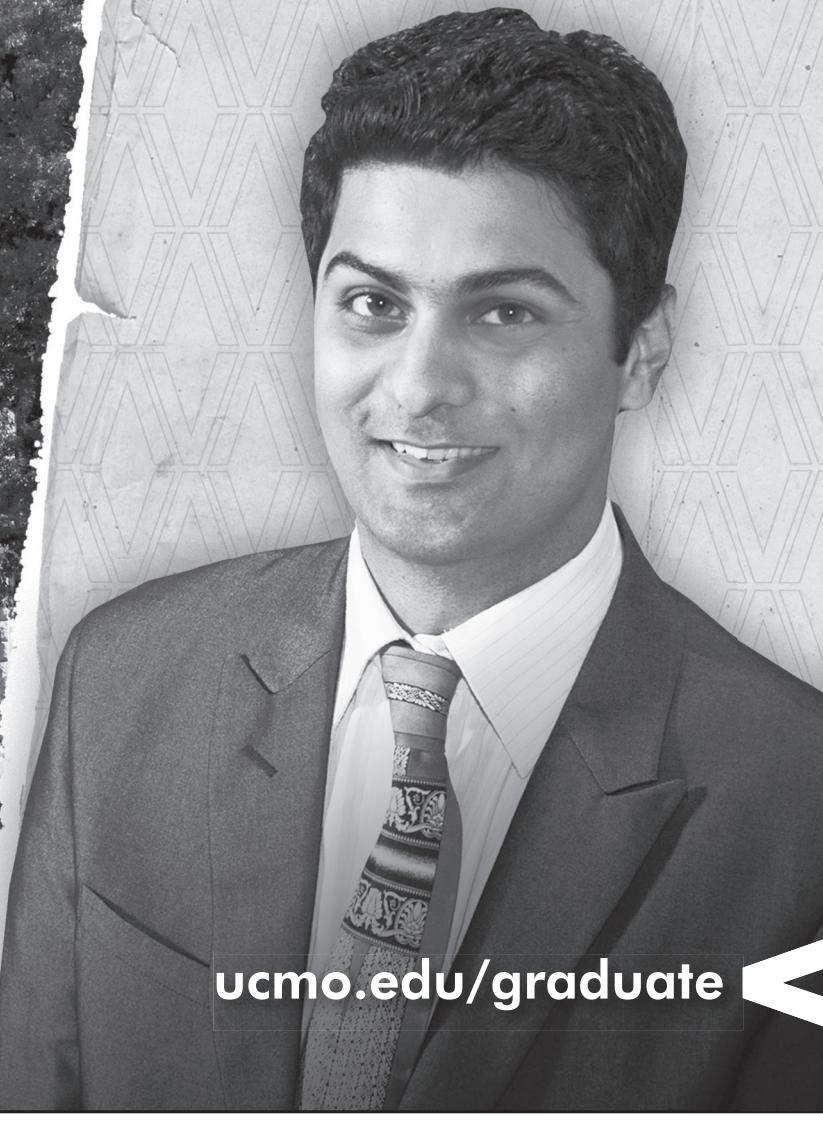


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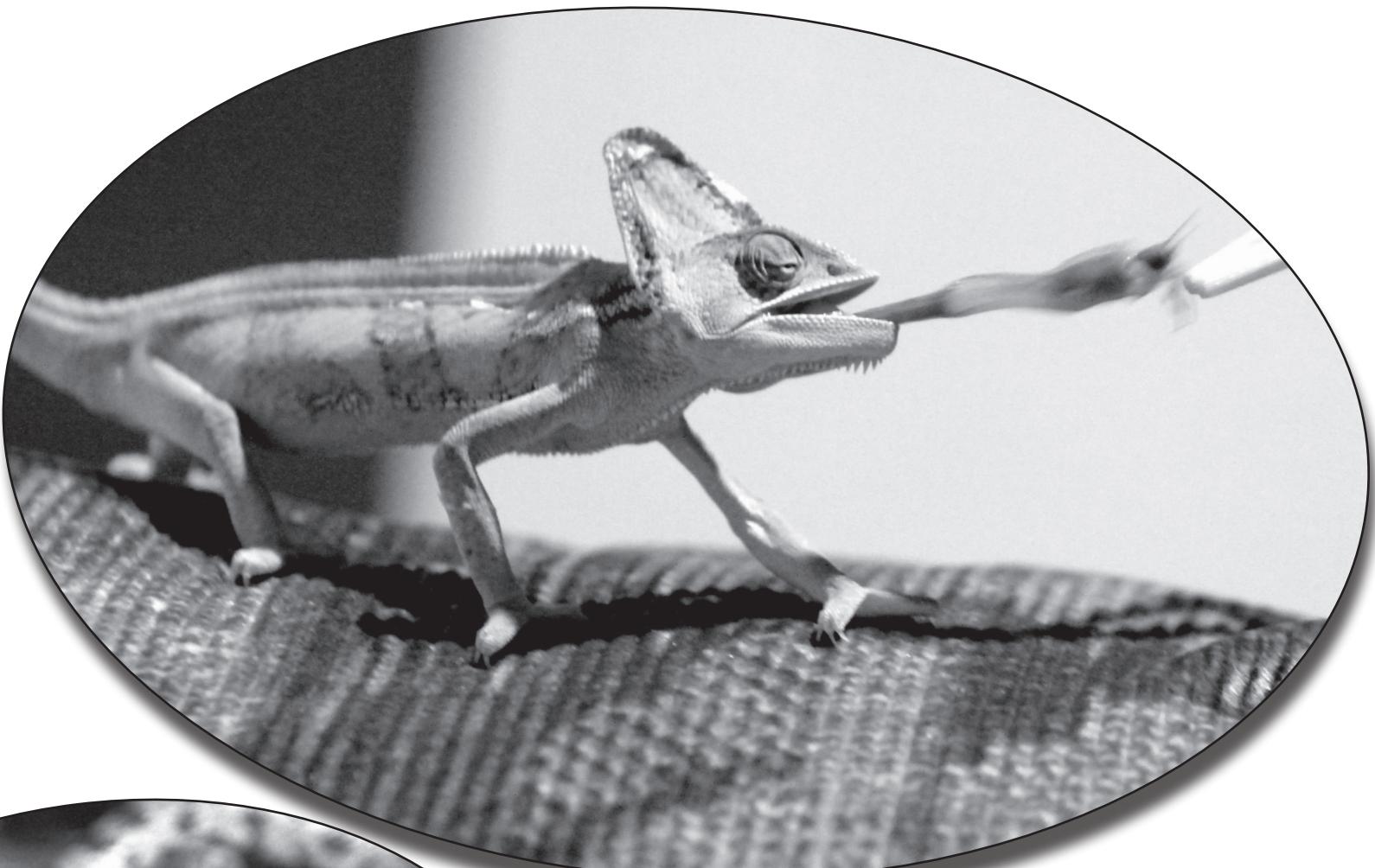
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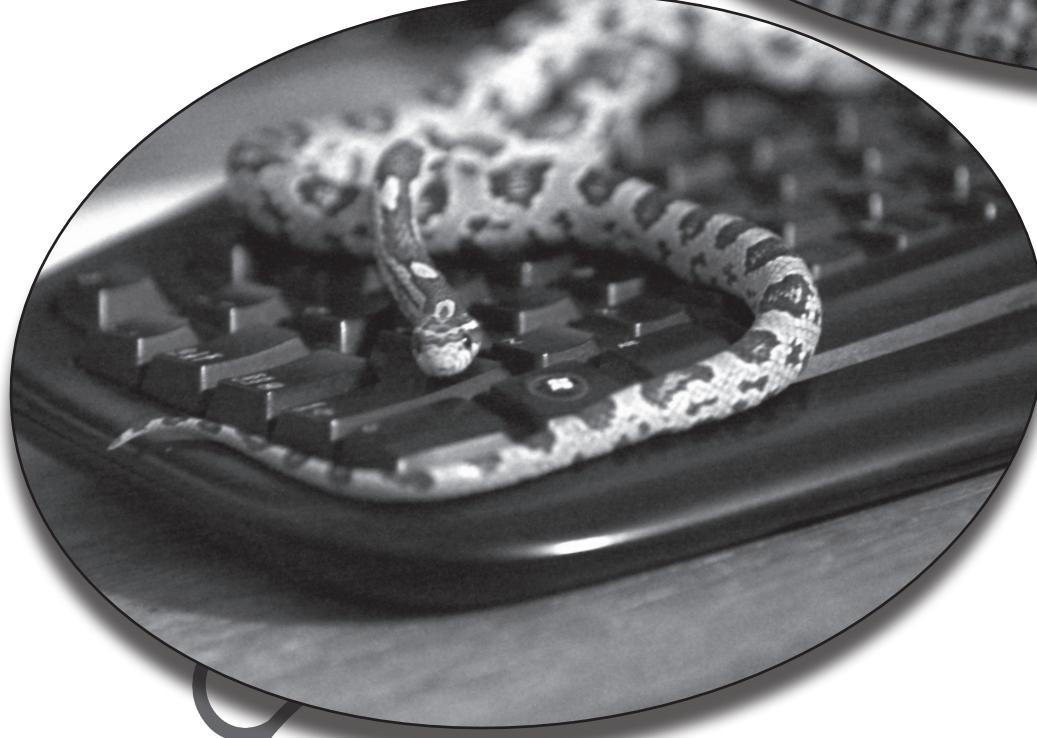
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(Top) Pascal, a chameleon, enjoys an afternoon snack, a cricket, as he hangs out on the back of the couch in Homfeld's living room. (Middle) Delilah, a corn snake, sits curled up on the keyboard of her owner's computer. (Bottom) Delilah curls around the hand of her owner, Brooke Abbott.



Forget a furry friend, try one with scales

Students turn to nonconventional pets

ERIK LEWIS

Missourian Reporter

It's 4 a.m., and the neighbor's dog is yelping again. With this constant nightly annoyance, one grows to loathe the very existence of dogs and vows to never buy one. But instead of forgoing pets altogether, one might consider exchanging Fido for something a little scaly.

Brooke Abbott has owned her corn snake, Delilah, for two years. Even seated across the room from Abbot, one could spot the thin, long, mocha-and-black-spotted corn snake weaving intricately through her fingers and about her arm. Delilah, who was more interested in speckling the innermost crevices of the couch than the interview, continued slithering down Abbot's arm, prompting her to alternate the snake from hand to hand as she answered inquiries.

Delilah gazed back up at Abbot, flicking a forked tongue, as if angry at the hindrance in her progress. "She's interesting to watch and manages to keep you company, even though she's not the most affectionate type of pet," Abbot said. "Although she sleeps for the most of the day, when the sun goes down, she's much more active."

Whether it's choosing to either vertically scale the sides of her aquarium and crawl upside-down along the wall in an attempt to perform a lap or roam beneath the bedding of her cage, Delilah is constantly in motion. Abbot slid forward and attempted to unravel Delilah into a blue bucket she had placed on the floor before moving into the kitchen.

When she re-entered the room, a white package with a mauve label titled, "Gourmet Mice" was in her hand. It seemed it was time for Delilah's bi-weekly "feast." Settled in the blue bucket that served as her feeding pit, Delilah circled im-

patiently as Abbot lowered the scrawny looking corpse into her awaiting grasp. The snake unhinged her jaw and began the laborious task of swallowing the mouse.

Abbot explained, "When feeding your snake, you want to be sure to not feed it in its cage, as you don't want it to associate the cage with feeding." This will help to dissuade any notions of biting the hand that feeds.

With the mouse finally reduced to nothing but a lump in the snake and a blood stain on a paper towel, one could question how much these rodent meals and Delilah had cost Abbot. "Only about \$40, with the aquarium, heat lamp and stuff to fill the aquarium costing about \$60. And the mice only cost \$5."

With only a beginning purchase of \$100 and the relative ease of care, it's easy to see the benefits of owning a snake. Bi-weekly feedings mean a low food cost, and the down time between feedings means no babysitter for future vacations.

"The only real work comes from changing her cage once every two weeks when I feed her," Abbot said.

However, some people look for something a little more stationary than a snake. Such a pet was found with Briana Homfeld in her pet chameleon, Pascal. Entering the living room, one could instantly pick out the lime green Pascal attempting his best to blend in with his mauve couch setting. Upon spotting an intruder, he froze and remained completely still. When he did move, each step was calculated and agonizingly slow, as if he debated every inch. He picked his way slowly up the back of the couch, halting every time he felt someone's eye had lingered too long. Homfeld explained it was his first time in four months that he had been out of his cage, a \$250 habitat with three separate heating light fix-

tures complete with a fake tree and mulch. Pascal seemed shaken by his new-found freedom.

Homfeld presented Pascal a platter filled with whatever his scaly green heart could desire. "I don't have any live crickets right now, but if he will quit fussing, I can get him to eat the mealworms and carrots," Homfeld said. "At times I swear it's like feeding a 5 year-old."

Pascal eyed the plate as Homfeld attempted to coax him into taking a bite-sized diced carrot from her tongs. He seemed interested until his mouth began to puff up, almost as if he were preparing to spit. He hocked a pink wad from his mouth as his tongue shot forward, unrolling in midflight to grasp the carrot and snatch it from the tongs.

With lunch finished, Homfeld was free to divulge some of the specifics required to take good care of Pascal. She smiled and pointed out that besides the initial fee of around \$300, \$50 for the pet and \$250 for the habitat, Pascal was rather easy to take care off. Changing the cage was as simple as replacing the mulch, feeding was as easy as putting some meal worms on a plate and bath time required only getting him damp from the humidity of her shower.

Like Abbot's Delilah, Pascal is also completely hypoallergenic, perfect for Homfeld as she is allergic to cats and dogs.

Chameleons generally live about five to seven years and hardly require any veterinarian care. One word of warning Briana gives, besides "don't let them near your curtains," is that you should only have one chameleon at a time. Like beta fish, chameleons are very aggressive to others of their own species and will fight until the other dies. If you can survive the initial \$300 startup price and wish for an entertaining and easy-to-care-for pet, then a chameleon might just be right for you.



'Jack the Giant Slayer' modernizes classic child's story

Ian Echlin
Missourian Reporter | @ECH816

A high-tech take on a classic bedtime story passes expectations and leaves audiences satisfied.

"Jack the Giant Slayer" topped U.S. box office charts in its opening weekend. With great special effects, the cheesy bedtime story turns into a hard, gritty war epic.

Director Bryan Singer ("The Usual Suspects") restores the

character of giants as grimy animals with a violent nature. Proper uses of CGI make the giants, the beanstalk and the kingdom of Cloister appear imaginable.

The peasant, Jack, played by Nicholas Hoult ("X-Men: First Class"), overcomes an unlucky life. He lives with his uncle on a farm outside the kingdom of Cloister. As the story goes, Jack sells his horse to some sketchy guy for magic beans.

Princess Isabelle, played by Eleanor Tomlinson ("Alice and Wonderland"), expresses her rebellious side to spite the king. Her rebellion gets her into some sticky situations. She rides up into the clouds in Jack's house on the first of many beanstalks appearing in the movie.

Up in the clouds, the giants capture Isabelle. The only way to control the violent nature of the giants is a crown that gives absolute power to the holder. The villainous

arranged fiancé, Roderick, played by Stanley Tucci ("The Hunger Games"), possessed the crown.

King Brahmwell, played by Ian McShane ("Snow White and the Huntsman"), wears gold armor as he fights in the climax battle. Ewan McGregor (Star Wars I-III) plays Elmont, the general of the army. The role is a notable performance in McGregor's career.

The ending disproves the impossible in the movie. "Jack the Gi-

ant Slayer" achieves an original take on a classic tale and captures audiences. Unlike other revisits of fairy tales, "Jack the Giant Slayer" is a step ahead of the rest.



Movie: *Jack The Giant Slayer*
Director: Bryan Singer
Release date: Mar. 1, 2013

'21 and Over' shocks, awes audience

Natalie Fry
Missourian Reporter | @TheMissourian

"21 and Over" is guy humor at its finest and stars a surprisingly stellar cast, but it pushes the limits with its shock value.

The R-rated movie is spiked with crude humor, vulgar language and just a shot of romance. It follows the wild and crazy Miller, played by Miles Teller ("Footloose"), and slightly more ambitious Casey, Skylar Astin ("Pitch Perfect"), as they surprise their high school best friend, Jeff Chang, for a drunken celebration of Chang's 21 birthday. But Chang fears going out will interfere with his med school interview the following morning,

set up by his whip-cracking father. He reluctantly agrees, and they party hop their way through the night, throwing drinks back and trying to make a night to remember.

While the film is sure to deliver some laughs, it's fairly unrealistic. At one point, a frat boy gets mauled by a buffalo during a chaotic pep rally, and an angry Latina sorority house brands Miller and Casey's behinds.

The downside to the film, however, is that it mixes gun violence, drugs, racial innuendos, mental health issues and drunk driving into its humor. There's nothing funny about someone too drunk to function getting behind the wheel and

risking his life and the lives of others at the expense of a fun night.

It's wrong on many levels, but in all actuality, the audience this movie is targeting doesn't pay for the moralistic value. Overall, it's a classic, raunchy, far-fetched college comedy that's undoubtedly entertaining for the money spent, but it's an eye-opener to the potential unforeseen dangers of reckless behavior.



Movie: *21 and Over*
Directors: Jon Lucas, Scott Moore
Release date: Mar. 1, 2013

THE STROLLER: Your Man disapproves ice crotch

Do you see this, people? Do you see the freezing mass of ice between the legs of one of the most revered campus icons? Is this the way we honor Northwest legends?

Centennial Man sat like this for most of the past two weeks, and you gave him nary a glance. Nary, I tell you. And while we busily thought important academic thoughts (like which is more uncomfortable: a cold toilet seat or a warm one? Think about it) our esteemed ancestor sat there with a groin colder than Dick Cheney's heart.

It's bad enough he has to sit there next to that brat who's been on Facebook since 2005. Thank goodness she hasn't found Pinterest yet. Girls on Pinterest have been punk'd, BT dubs. Most of the content is

about fitness, fashion and makeup, cooking and weddings. And there you have it, Pinterest is training today's women to be fit, hot, serving wives. Compared to Pinterest's misogyny, I'm freakin' Virginia Woolf.

But back to Centennial Man. I saw an actual icicle in his man region. I was going to just break it off, but a man isn't supposed to go near another man's danger zone, even if Centennial Man is all "Ken doll" down yonder. Maybe someone else can help him. This is great news for someone who's been waiting for the chance to stroke the inner thigh of a bronze man.

These last few weeks have been torture for the poor guy. Remember that record-winning snowball you guys got all giddy about? He was

watching you with refrigerated testicles. Rolling that snowball in front of him would be like rolling a joint in front of the D.A.R.E. mascot.

Then we had Colden Pond Plunge, campus' favorite sport about withstanding pneumonia-inducing chills. Centennial Man and I both love a good cause, but what a sick joke to play within earshot of him. I swear I saw a teardrop escape his brown, lifeless eyes and freeze before it left his cheek.

How about showing some respect to our most elderly student? Unless we're honoring his past by freezing his pelvic region.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

MARCH SAC EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Dan Savage Lecture 7 p.m. Ballroom				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			Late Night: Hangar Night 9 p.m.			
24	25	26	27	28		



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WHAT'S HOT

Carly Rae Jepsen

The singer, along with the band Train, backed out of performing at a Boy Scout Jambo-ree due to its anti-gay policy.

"The Hobbit"

The "Lord of the Rings" prequel became the 15th movie in history to pass the \$1 billion world-wide grossing.

Kansas City Chiefs

The Chiefs have made some big changes with their personnel and roster, which are getting fans excited for the 2013 season.

Billboard Hot 100 Songs

1. Baauer – "Harlem Shake"
2. Macklemore & Ryan Lewis – "Thrift Shop"
3. Bruno Mars – "When I Was Your Man"
4. Taylor Swift – "I Knew You Were Trouble."
5. will.i.am & Britney Spears – "Scream & Shout"

Billboard Top 200

1. Mumford & Sons - "Babel"
2. Bruno Mars – Unorthodox Jukebox
3. Josh Groban – "All That Echoes"
4. Various Artists – "Now 45"
5. The Lumineers – "The Lumineers"

WHAT'S NOT

Hugo Chavez

The leader of Venezuela, 58 years old, died Tuesday after months of ongoing treatment for cancer.

Tornado Drills

Did Tuesday's tornado drill really matter, or was so repetitive that it just annoyed everyone in class?

TKE Fire NW Confession

Someone on NW Confessions admitted to burning down the TKE house. Some of these confessions are getting pretty serious.

In Theaters This Week:

"Oz the Great and Powerful"

(Action/Fantasy)
Directors: Sam Raimi
Starring: James Franco, Michelle Williams, Rachel Weisz

"Emperor"

(Drama/War)

Director: Peter Webber
Starring: Tommy Lee Jones, Matthew Fox, Collin Moy

"Dead Man Down"

(Drama)
Director: Niels Arden Oplev
Starring: Colin Farrel, Noomi Rapace



TRANSFERS

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speaking Brazil to America.

"It's been great," Bugiga said. "Now I can speak Spanish because I have friends from Spain, and I know English because of my friends from America. It just adds to my culture."

"It's cool because everyone goes to each other's homes and see different cultures and people explain how their culture works."

Bugiga also said transferring alongside his fellow Brazilian, Narducci, helped both of them make the switch from Laredo to Northwest.

On the women's side, Northwest's No. 1 singles player, junior Camila Quesada, hails

from San Jose, Costa Rica, a Spanish-speaking country.

Quesada's cousin, Daniel Quesada, played at Northwest in 2010 and 2011 and played a big part in recruiting Quesada to become a Bearcat.

Quesada said she knew a little bit of English from taking classes in high school, but that it still was not a simple task to take to the new language.

"It was kind of hard getting used to the fact that (Americans) speak so fast and use words that I didn't know," Quesada said. "It was kind of hard for me talking to my coach and not saying, 'excuse me' or 'can you say that again?' Not even just my coach, but in class it was kind of hard too."

Head coach Mark Rosewell said the difficulties of coaching foreign players are no dif-

ferent than American-born athletes.

"(The most difficult part) is just making sure they have good team camaraderie," Rosewell said. "Make sure they wanna get better and be motivated and such, just like American athletes."

Rosewell also said recruiting foreign players in college tennis is becoming the norm around the country.

"In tennis, there's just a lot of international players that play," Rosewell said. "You see it everywhere. Most teams have at least a couple (foreign) players on the team. It's really become pretty standard."

"For Northwest, we've had international players even before I got here, so probably for 40 years. They're pretty important because there are a lot of good international players out there. If you don't have some on your

team, you're probably going to get beat."

As difficult as the challenges of playing tennis in a foreign country may be, teammates immediately bond to strive for the same goals, according to Quesada.

"I think it's just the fact that we're going through the same thing," Quesada said. "For all of us, it's just getting to know the American culture and experiencing the same kinds of things, like practice, conditioning, traveling together. I think the experiences that we have as a team, that's what makes us closer."

Quesada said playing alongside a diverse group of teammates is a special opportunity.

"I love it," Quesada said. "You get to learn so much about other cultures, like the differences, the things we have in common. I don't know; for me, it's just a great experience to be around them and share. We're like a big, di-

Bearcats advance to play top-seeded Washburn Friday in Kansas City.



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN

Freshman guard Tember Schechinger dribbles around a Truman State defender March 2. Schechinger finished with 16 points, five rebounds and three steals.

MIAA

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games...that's my understanding," McCollum said. "I think if they win two games, they're in. I think, I know we need to win the tournament to be in the national tournament."

This is Northeastern State's first time in the MIAA tournament, and the big light of Kansas City could affect the conference newcomers.

"I think more the experience of playing in the conference tournament, kind of that big-time atmosphere, is more what could pose a threat to them compared to us," McCollum said. "I think both teams will be jittery, both teams will be a little bit sloppy at first, I'm sure, and try to figure it out from there."

The Bearcats (19-9, 11-7 MIAA)

have a tough road ahead to make the big dance, but McCollum believes they have the tools to make a run.

"I think we can win it...I really do," McCollum said. "I think we are one of the teams a lot of those guys don't want to see because you're going to have to compete to beat us. It's not a thing of making or missing shots; it's you're going to have to beat us at all aspects of the game. We're ready, and hopefully, we'll compete a little bit."

School: Northeastern State
Mascot: RiverHawks
Record: 19-7, 12-6 MIAA
Previous matchup: 73-72 L
Key players: Bryston Hobbs, Jermaine Bransford, Ethan Anderson

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Senior guard Alex Sullivan goes up and under the basket against Missouri Western on March 4.

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NW BASEBALL

MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
Central Mo.	9-1	6-0
Missouri Western	4-3	3-0
Southwest Baptist	4-1	4-1
Nebraska-Kearney	5-5	5-3
Central Oklahoma	6-4	6-4
Pitt. State	5-2	3-2
Lindenwood	5-8	5-4
Fort Hays	7-5	4-4
Northeastern State	6-7	6-7
Washburn	2-3	2-3
Emporia St.	4-8	3-5
Mo. Southern	6-4	2-4
Lincoln	1-5	1-2
Truman	2-6	2-6
NORTHWEST	2-12	2-9

March 9:

Central MO. at NORTHWEST
Northeastern State at Southwest Baptist
Washburn at Pitt. State

March 12:

NORTHWEST at Fort Hays
Missouri Western at Washburn

MHS BOYS' BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS

	Overall	MEC
Lafayette	20-3	7-0
Cameron	18-7	6-1
MARYVILLE	20-8	5-3
Smithville	17-7	4-3
Bishop LeBlond	10-11	3-4
Benton	5-19	3-7
Chillicothe	7-14	1-5
Savannah	7-17	1-7

March 7:

St. Pius X vs. Fatima

NW SOFTBALL

MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
Fort Hays	7-1	0-0
Mo. Southern	11-4	0-0
Central Oklahoma	10-4	0-0
Truman	7-3	0-0
Mo. West	11-5	0-0
NORTHWEST	8-4	0-0
Emporia St.	10-5	0-0
Lincoln	2-2	0-0
Pitt. State	4-4	0-0
Central Mo.	6-6	0-0
Northeastern State	7-8	0-0
Lindenwood	5-7	0-0
Southwest Baptist	4-8	0-0
Nebraska-Kearney	3-7	0-0
Washburn	3-9	0-0

March 9:

Cameron University at Mo. Western
Upper Iowa at Mo. Southern

March 12:

NORTHWEST at Rockhurst
Mo. Western at Wayne State
Pitt. State at Drury

MHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS

	Overall	MEC
Benton	18-5	7-0
Smithville	18-4	6-1
Bishop LeBlond	14-9	4-3
Lafayette	17-7	5-4
Cameron	15-10	3-4
Savannah	7-12	3-5
Chillicothe	11-15	2-5
MARYVILLE	6-17	0-8

March 7:

Cameron vs. St. James

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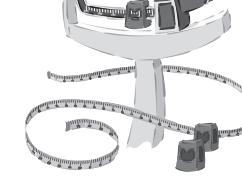
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Senior has collegiate, Olympics lifting aspirations

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Walking into the Maryville High School weight room, a stout young girl poses in the corner in a crouching position, carefully rising up, a barbell staunchly placed along her shoulders. She repeated this a few times before placing the bar back on the rack with the help of two spotters.

Squats is what Chelsey McMichael excels at, and today she set a personal record of 360 pounds.

And it's because of her work ethic and passion.

Those are two words Maryville girl's basketball head coach Grant Hageman frequently uses to describe the senior Spoofhound.

Hageman doubles as the girl's strength and conditioning coach and considers McMichael the best weightlifter Maryville High School has ever developed.

"She came into (lifting) kind of as a brand new thing to her," Hageman said. "Then she started having success, and she gained a lot of confidence through that success, and then it really just took off from there."

McMichael has been impressive in competition, lifting the snatch and the clean and jerk. She has won all six meets in the 75 kg weight class.

But her accomplishments within the Spoofhound weight room are



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Maryville High School weightlifter Chelsey McMichael trains with a former Olympic head coach. McMichael will continue weightlifting at Lindenwood University in St. Charles following her senior year.

where it began for McMichael.

"My freshman year, we had to take weightlifting for basketball and all sports, so that's when I first started," McMichael said.

"I like proving people wrong. I wasn't always good at sports, and I kind of found something with

weightlifting."

McMichael has set precedents for female weight lifters at Maryville. Along with her personal best in squats, McMichael has maxed in bench at 170 pounds, and 200 pounds in the power clean. Her overall index is 4.24, which

is her lifting totals divided by her bodyweight. That high of an index is exceptional. In fact, it's the best in Maryville High School history for a girl.

"Really, her work ethic has been the difference," Hageman said. "Once she got that confidence, had a

little taste of success, her work ethic has basically propelled her, pushed her to this point now."

Hageman is not using the term work ethic sparingly. McMichael works out twice a day. Once in the morning at her high school and once down in Saint Joseph with Dennis Snethen, a member of the USA Weightlifting Hall of Fame. He was also the 2008 Olympic Team Head coach for the women's weightlifting team in Beijing.

And McMichael has Olympic aspirations.

But first she is heading to St. Charles to attend Lindenwood University, one of only a handful of colleges that have a women's weightlifting team.

But for now it is continued hard work to get where she wants to be. Something that began as a mandatory workout has turned into full-blown passion, though that isn't surprising for someone with McMichael's continual drive.

"The sky is the limit for her. She probably has dreams of going to the Olympics some day. And why not dream big, as hard as she's worked, as much as she's improved up to this point," Hageman said. "And that's why she's gotten to this point too, is because she's one of the few girls to come to the weightroom every single day and works as hard as she can and never makes any excuses."

Boys fall 1 game short of state tournament

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Throughout the season, head boys basketball coach Mike Kuwitzky described this year's Spoofhounds team as one with strong leadership qualities and the ability to stay resilient.

After winning its first district title since the 2009-10 season, Maryville faced St. Pius X in sectionals Feb. 27 to continue that resiliency.

But the 'Hounds' chance of advancing further in the playoffs ended abruptly following a 70-64 loss to end their season.

Maryville and St. Pius exchanged leads throughout the contest. The Spoofhounds held onto a seven-point lead in the third quarter until St. Pius' offense took over.

St. Pius scored 43 points in the second half alone after being down 30-27 at halftime.

"I thought as a team, we played pretty good, but I didn't think our defense was as good as it had been in districts, where I thought it was really good," Kuwitzky said. "They made some plays; those players made some plays against us. That was the difference."

Senior guard Jonathan Baker finished with a game-high 26 points, 14 coming in the second half.

"Jonathan Baker was just a warrior," Kuwitzky said. "He just really stepped up and kept us in the game with bombs all night from the three-point line. We ran some sets for him, and he hit them almost every time we ran it. He just really had a great game."

Senior guard Treyton Burch and senior forward Tyler Kenkel also finished their careers with double-digit performances. Burch scored 13 points and Kenkel added 11 points.

Junior forward Trent Nally added 12 points to round out four

'Hounds in double digits.

St. Pius now sits in the final four, with the next game set for March 7 against Fatima.

With the season in the books, Maryville loses four seniors in Baker, Burch, Kenkel and forward Kyle Leslie.

"We'll really miss those seniors because they really came together well this year," Kuwitzky said. "They were a group that had their goals set on having a good basketball season for a long time, and they played together for a long time, since they were little kids."

"They took this season really serious and really wanted to do well. So it was a season in which they really did come together and overcame some of our deficiencies that we had last year as a team."

After finishing under .500 last season, the Maryville upperclassmen propelled the team to the top of the MEC.

"We won games this year that we wouldn't have won last year,"

Kuwitzky said. "A lot of that has to do with the resiliency of our team and, particularly, our senior leadership."

Baker, Kenkel and Burch each made the all-district team.

Baker received the most votes among the district, finishing the season with 16.8 points per game and a 46% shooting percentage from three-point range.

Kuwitzky also received the district Coach of the Year award.

Finishing the season with a 20-8 record, next year's key returners include junior forwards Trent Nally and Ty Hilsabeck.

Hilsabeck and Nally received major minutes for the Spoofhounds this season.

"When you win a district championship, it's really special," Kuwitzky said. "That's hard to do, and when you win 20 games in a season, that's hard to do. So no matter what, this team accomplished those two things, and they are great accomplishments."

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Senior forward Tyler Kenkel goes up for a jumper against Savannah on Feb. 15.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



BEARCATS

Alex Sullivan



Senior guard Alex Sullivan finished with a game-high 27 points and drained eight three-pointers in Monday's 66-46 win over Missouri Western in his final home game.

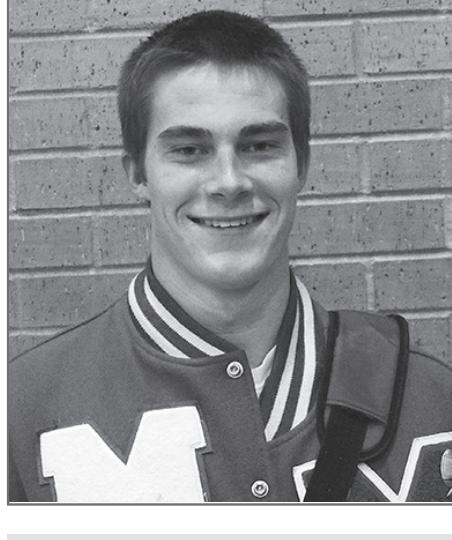
Ashleigh Nelson



Sophomore guard Ashleigh Nelson scored 21 points and shot 7-13 from the field in Tuesday's 77-72 win over Missouri Southern in the first round of the MIAA tournament.

SPOOFHOUNDS

Jonathan Baker



Senior guard Jonathan Baker scored a game-high 26 points and made five three-pointers in the Feb. 27 loss to St. Pius X in sectionals. Baker also went 5-for-5 from the free-throw line.

Tyler Kenkel



All-district senior forward Tyler Kenkel finished with 11 points, seven of which came in the third quarter in the 70-64 loss to St. Pius X in sectionals on Feb. 27.

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Women on to 2nd round in tourney

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Northwest women's basketball captured its third road win of the season, knocking off Missouri Southern in the first round of the MIAA tournament.

The Bearcats defeated the Lions 77-72 behind 21 points from sophomore guard Ashleigh Nelson on 7-of-13 shooting.

Freshman guard Tember Schechinger finished one rebound shy of a double-double, recording 10 points and pulling down nine boards.

All-MIAA honorable mention sophomore forward Annie Mathews finished with 14 points, and senior forward Alexis Boeh tallied 12 points.

Missouri Southern was led by senior forward Erin Rice, who led all scorers with 26 points.

Boeh fouled out, and sophomore forward Maggie Marin finished with four fouls, but head coach Mark Kellogg is not worried about the depth of his post players.

"Alexis has been really good, and we've been able to get a good rotation going with our bigs," Kellogg said. "Obviously, we don't

have a ton of depth... and Rice was a one-man wrecking machine, taking over the game. But they were face-up shots; she was just shooting over us. We just didn't have a great matchup for her."

Northwest will advance to take on top-seeded Washburn in the quarterfinal of the conference tournament.

The Bearcats hung with the No. 9 Lady Blues in their first two meetings, but the 50 combined giveaways from each game were too much to overcome.

"We just turned it over too much (in the first two meetings). Their length just bothered us," Kellogg said. "For us, it's rebounding and taking care of the ball, so that we get more opportunities at those high-percentage shots. We just weren't very good at getting those shots off against Washburn because they're so long."

The 'Cats can knock down shots when they get good looks, leading the MIAA in field-goal percentage at 45 percent per contest.

Northwest will play Washburn at noon Friday in Kansas City, Mo. at Municipal Auditorium.



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Junior guard Monique Stevens drives the ball into the paint against Truman State March 2. Northwest won its first-round playoff game against Missouri Southern.

Baseball hopes to beat weather, play 1st home game



FILE PHOTO | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior Eric Swain makes contact with a pitch against Missouri Western on April 7, 2012. The Bearcats have dropped to 2-12 and last in the MIAA.

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Still battling winter storms that caused it to miss another chance to play at home, the Northwest baseball team fell to last place in the MIAA standings after losing a three-game series to Central Oklahoma last weekend.

The 'Cats (2-12, 2-9 MIAA) struggled to find a consistent balance between their pitching and offense, losing the first game 6-1 on Saturday, followed by losses of 18-7 and 10-8 on Sunday.

Senior catcher JJ Baccari went 3-for-4 and hit a solo home run in the second game of Saturday's doubleheader that gave him 11 hits on the season.

Northwest faces a quick turnaround when it heads to Topeka, Kan. to take on Washburn in a doubleheader slated for today.

A three-game homestand against Central Missouri starts Saturday, and head coach Darin Loe hopes to see his team play clean baseball.

"It all goes back to pitching," Loe said. "When we pitch well, we're right in every game. We might need a couple more hits here and there, make a couple more plays here and there, but again, it goes back to being able to pitch consistently and keep yourself in a ballgame."

The first of three games against Central Missouri begins at noon Saturday at Bearcat Field.

Softball tries to overcome injury bug

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On paper, the 8-4 Northwest softball team is off to a good start compared to last year, but off-field issues are starting to become a problem for the upstart Bearcats.

Inclement weather forced them indoors to practice this spring, and injuries are beginning to plague the 'Cats early.

The Bearcats were scheduled to play in the Teri Mathis-Zenner Memorial Tournament in Joplin last weekend, but it was washed out due to snow.

"I think we were ready to get out and play again," Anderson said. "It would have been some good competition, especially in-region games down south, so they would have been good games to play. I know everybody was disappointed with it, but nobody wants to play in snow either."

Northwest is scheduled to take on Lincoln at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Friday at home, but the snow-covered field may not be playable by then.

"Now we have the same situation this weekend of, we're supposed to play at home, and there's snow on the field," Anderson said. "We're trying to find a place to possibly play right now, and now this is what we run in to. We got last weekend off, but we need to play this weekend just because of that."

Anderson said he does not know if the games will be moved at this time.

Check on Twitter @NWMSports for possible updates on a schedule change for the Bearcats.

Northwest swept Lincoln in a two-game set last season at home, 8-0 and 8-4.

With senior first baseman Kayli Schurman already done for the year with a shoulder injury and senior second baseman Hailee Hendricks down for an unspecified time due to wrist problems, the Bearcats had one big piece left in the lineup.

However, that piece, senior third baseman Kristen Uthe, may miss the weekend with mononucleosis.

"You hope she can step up and play," Anderson said. "When you have your three, four and five hole (hitters) out, other people have to step up."

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INTERNATIONAL STARS MAKE RACQUET FOR NORTHWEST

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Thousands of miles away, a teenager in Brazil, Spain, Costa Rica or a multitude of other countries is practicing his or her craft, tennis, to possibly play at the college level in America.

Surprisingly enough, the destination may be Maryville.

The Northwest men's tennis roster has nine players, seven of whom are from foreign countries. It is a similar story for the women's side, with three of its seven players coming from somewhere outside the United States.

Junior Lluis Altimires came to the U.S. from his hometown of Terassa, Spain when he was 19 years old, originally to play at Eastern Washington University.

After one season, in which he made just one appearance, Altimires transferred before his sophomore year to become a Bearcat.

Spanish athletes leaving their home country to play in the U.S. was not as prevalent a couple of decades ago as it is now.

"It wasn't common, like, 10 years ago; like no one would come," Altimires said. "It was probably just, like, a couple people. But now, it's becoming really common because it's a good opportunity for people to come play tennis and study."

Altimires started this season with an overall record of 5-2 as the No. 3 singles

player. He is also part of the No. 1 doubles team, alongside Spanish freshman Sergio De Vilchez.

Altimires said the transition from Spain to the U.S. and to speaking English in Washington and Missouri was difficult at first, but he is 'definitely used to it now.'

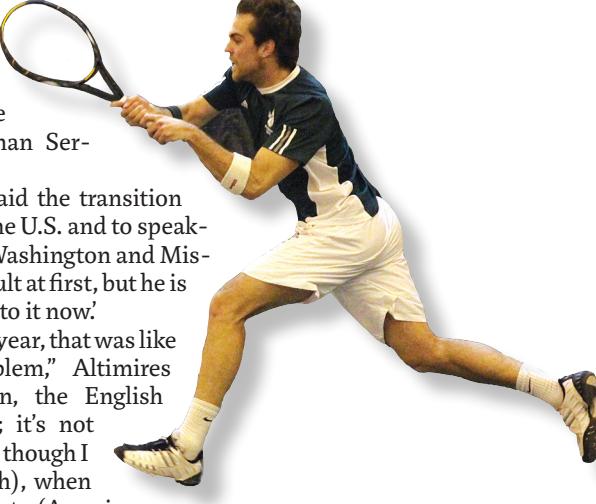
"Freshman year, that was like the main problem," Altimires said. "In Spain, the English level is alright; it's not very good. Even though I studied (English), when you start talking to (American) people, it's way harder. So in the beginning, it was really tough for me."

Seniors Rafael Bugiga and Guilherme Narducci, both from Sao Paolo, Brazil, first attended Laredo Community College (Texas) for three semesters before coming to Northwest.

The pair of Brazilians are now No. 2 doubles partners with an overall record of 3-3 to begin the 2013 season.

Bugiga took a slightly different approach than most people might have after the transition from Portuguese-

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Bearcats' national playoff hopes still alive after win

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After knocking off Missouri Western Monday night 66-46, the Bearcats advanced to the second round of the MIAA tournament.

Northwest was led by senior guard Alex Sullivan, who drilled eight threes, tying the Northwest single-game record for the second time this season.

"It all started with that zone," Sullivan said. "I love playing against zones because I get a lot of open looks. We got (Matt Wallace) who is really good at finding us in the gaps and making them all find him, and I have to put it up. Coming off that last game where I was 0-for-10, I knew I had some shots that were gonna go in. I was due for a good game."

Sophomore guard Matt Wallace set a conference tournament record with 11 assists, nine coming in the first half, and was named to the All-MIAA Defensive Team earlier in the day as well.

"I think Matt definitely deserved that honor," McCollum said. "He's a great defender."

"We've got good players, and I always want to make sure they get their individual recognition at the end."

Tonight, the Bearcats are set to face Northeastern State in Kansas City for the second time this season.

In the first contest, the 'Cats trailed by 20 in the first half but mounted a huge comeback led by freshman Connor Crooker and left Bearcat Arena with the 73-72 victory.

"There was a few things going into

the game that we saw that we were able to do, and obviously, we will try and do that some more," McCollum said. "A lot of that (Crooker) has a knack for finding those gaps, and that's something you can't teach a lot of times."

According to McCollum, the big difference will be junior forward Dillon Starzl back in the lineup unlike last time the two teams met.

"We can go inside more now," McCollum said. "The game will probably slow down quite a bit. That will help considerably. I think it will help guard that big guy down there that's really good, so that'll help us."

The Bearcats will have to contend with first-team All-MIAA junior guard Bryston Hobbs and second-team All-MIAA forward Jermaine Bransford.

"These guys have two main scorers and a couple of shooters," McCollum said. "They try to beat you up with all their screen action, so we just gotta fight and guard it and hope they miss a few shots."

"We gotta guard (Hobbs) and keep him in front. That's the key to contending with quality guards is keeping him in front. They generally get frustrated with it, and that's what we'll do this time."

McCollum believes they will have to win the MIAA tournament to get into the national tournament, and the RiverHawks are in a similar predicament.

"I think they need to win two

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Junior forward Dillon Starzl fights through contact against Missouri Western.

Basketball's big tradition overcast by controversy

CRAIG SIMS
Chief Sports Reporter

Everyone in the arena knows when it is about to happen.

The home crowd goes crazy, the student section counts down every second, waiting furiously behind the yellow tape for the clock to run out.

What happens next is one of the greatest traditions in college basketball.

The crowd storms the court in ecstatic fashion, charging the center of the court to begin its joyous celebration with players.

That's the scene of a perfect court storming.

But that same scene has become a topic of safety concern.

It has changed from a once-in-a-while special occasion, performed by an underdog victorious over a ranked rival, to a nearly every-game occurrence.

Look at the Duke men's basketball team, which was "stormed on" for the fourth time this season, this time, Feb. 28, by Virginia.

According to reports on ESPN.com, fans rushed the court before security officials were able to get Duke players and coaches to the locker room, raising serious concern over the protocol to handle court storming.

Another near-accident occurred when Duke lost to North Carolina State Jan. 12, where a fan in a wheelchair nearly got trampled after his wheelchair tipped over on his way to join in on the court storming.

Luckily the fan was noticed quickly by N.C. State's forward C.J. Leslie and was helped back to his wheelchair, but these are some of the problems that come about when fans rush the court this often.

The problem is, there is no right or wrong way to resolve court storming and how frequent it has become.

On one hand, if the NCAA and its conferences were to outlaw court storming altogether, that would only spark fans to try to do it even more.

A lot of fans strive for that interaction that comes with celebrating with their favorite players on the court, so to take that away from them could hurt the relationship they have with their team.

On the other hand, a university's top priority is to keep its players and coaches safe, and that can be hard to do when thousands of mobbing fans come stampeding onto the court nearly every game.

The best way to keep all parties satisfied is for fans to be held liable for their actions.

If they are hurt when storming a court, only they are held responsible, not the university that hosted the game.

Fans also must be held accountable if they try to create conflict with opposing teams' players, which is something that could easily happen when that interaction is available.

In Duke's case, there is no way to delegate the number of times in a season that fans supporting a team can rush a court, but celebrating fans have to take a sensible approach.

Even though it is a part of college basketball's tradition, fans have forgotten storming the court is a privilege, something that is outlawed in the NBA and any other professional sport.

So the next time the clock ticks down and everyone around you is getting that itch to take off like a wild stampede of cattle, sit back, evaluate the options and then make a decision on whether that victory deserves a good court storming.

Soccer looks to improve after record-setting season

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Headed by dynamic senior goal-scorer Alyssa Stiens, the Spoofhounds look to duplicate last season's success.

The 'Hounds lost their first-ever playoff game in 2012 and finished with a 16-3 record.

Maryville lost five seniors to graduation and will be without their knowledge and leadership.

"I had two of them that had played since their freshman year," head coach Bayo Oludaja said. "They will be missed. Not only in terms of they had that experience but also the attitude they had."

Returning to the fold with Stiens is sophomore forward Ashton Reuter.

"Both Ashton and Alyssa, because of their experience and so forth, will have the support that they need and also will create opportunities for

others to score," Oludaja said.

Due to the weather, Oludaja has not got a good look at his squad and does not know what to expect from the new faces on the Maryville roster.

"We haven't really had much of a practice yet," Oludaja said. "Typically, what I do after the first three days of conditioning is we get to get a feel of what we have. We just have them play."

The key for the Spoofhounds will rest on the foot of Stiens, who scored a school-record 57 balls in the back of the net last season for a team that won nine of its 15 regular-season games by more than 10 goals.

Oludaja expects teams to mark up on Stiens, forcing her to find teammates in the correct spots and for them to make goals.

"She has worked on her strength and speed, which have always been an advantage for her," Oludaja said. "One of the things she will have to

do is to realize when she is marked or double marked that there is somebody open. She will have to use whoever is open. There will definitely be eyes on her."

Teamwork will be a key for Maryville if it wants to repeat last year's accomplishments.

"I always stress to them that soccer is a team sport," Oludaja said. "Everybody has a role to play, and one of our goals and objects is that whoever is on the field at any time works with every other person on the field."

Last season the Spoofhound defense was not pressured to make big stops due to the massive amount of goals the offense scored, but this season Oludaja expects more pressure to fall on the shoulders of the defenders.

"I think it's going to be tougher competition this year," Oludaja said. "For example, we've added two other teams to our schedule, and in our district, we added two additional teams



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Senior forward Alyssa Stiens receives a pass from a teammate April 17, 2012 against Benton. Stiens scored a school-record 57 goals during her junior year.

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New baseball coach takes the reins

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Coming off a 9-9 season and a first-round loss in districts, the Spoofhounds are leaning on a group of newcomers and experienced players to remain relevant in the MEC.

One of the most prominent new faces in the dugout is first-year head coach Matt Houchin.

Houchin assisted former head coach Tom Scarbrough for the past three seasons and is transitioning to the extra tasks of being a head coach.

"I've been with the seniors since they were freshmen, and I've seen a lot of development," Houchin said. "They went through a lot of stages, and they've won a lot of big games. We are looking to build off last year's season and really strive this year."

Houchin has been getting used to the tedious behind-the-scenes things that come with being a head coach.

"I've been managing all the day-to-day issues: weather, practices, when and where it's going to be, accommodating 35 kids in the gym, overall just managing the game,"

Houchin said.

The Spoofhounds will be without first-team All-MEC catcher Peyton Scarbrough, who took his talents to Missouri Western post graduation.

"Peyton is a really tough one to replace, not only with his offense and hitting ability, but his fielding ability," Houchin said. "When he played catcher, he calmed everything down and kept us all in check and really helped manage the game from a defensive standpoint."

Returning for the 'Hounds will be first-team All-MEC shortstop Jonathan Baker, who will most likely be their day-one starter on the mound.

Baker is committed to play quarterback for the Bearcats next fall, and according to Houchin, is not worried about the strain it will put on his arm.

"We have five or six or seven guys we think can pitch, so hopefully, we can develop a rotation this year," Houchin said. "We have some younger guys that are going to be able to step in."

Also returning to the field is second-team All-MEC outfielder Tyler

Trip, who like Baker, will see action on the mound.

Maryville has been hindered with practice time because of a postseason run in basketball and the snow that has blanketed Missouri.

"It was fun to have everybody there," Houchin said. "Being indoors, it's tough to get a lot of things accomplished. You can get a lot of hitting drills done in the gym. It's throwing and some fielding that we are lacking being indoors."

Houchin expects his defense to remain solid with experienced fielders returning.

"Defensively, I think we will be OK," Houchin said. "A lot of them are back in the positions they were before, so that's going to help us a lot."

Houchin believes the team's attitude will help it improve on its .500 season in 2012.

"They are a hard working bunch," Houchin said. "There's no quit in them. They will go after it every game."

The Spoofhounds take the field for the first time at 4:30 p.m. March 19 against Savannah at Maryville High School.

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